

REMARKS

This letter is in response to the Office action dated August 17, 2007. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims noted above.

Claims 8-15 have been withdrawn.

Claim 2 has been amended. Support may be found at page 2, first paragraph; pages 7 and 8, Example 4; and throughout the specification.

Claim 16 has been added. Support may be found at page 2, first paragraph and pages 7 and 8, Example 4.

Claims 1-7 and 16 are pending.

No new matter has been added.

I. Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I claims corresponding to claims 1-7. Claims 8-15 have been withdrawn in accordance with applicants' election.

II. Election of Species

Applicants hereby elect the following species comprising a method for improving one or more physical/chemical characteristics of a ^{18}F -fluor-deoxy-glucose (^{18}F -FDG)-solution wherein the improved physical/chemical characteristic is reduced radiolysis in the ^{18}F -fluor-deoxy-glucose (FDG)-solution and wherein the buffer is citrate.

Claims 1-7 and 16 read on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 13-1160 for any fee deficiency in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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